Sheep

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**Little Lambs**

A **lamb** is a baby sheep. Lambs run, jump, and play. At first, lambs drink milk from their mothers. Later, they eat grass. A **ewe** (yoo) is a female sheep. A ewe can tell which lamb is hers by the way it smells.

**Life in a Flock**

A group of sheep is called a **flock**. In summer, the flock can stay outside. The sheep eat grass, weeds, and other plants. In winter, sheep may stay in a shed or a barn. The farmer feeds them hay or grain.

**A Woolly Coat**

Sheep have thick **wool** coats. Not all sheep have white coats. Some sheep are black, brown, or gray. A sheep’s wool coat is called its **fleece**. Fleece never stops growing. Some farmers raise sheep for their wool. These sheep are having their fleece **sheared**, or cut. It does not hurt them. Some farmers raise sheep for their milk. Most sheep’s milk is made into cheese.

Non Fiction Post-Test

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1. Write 2 facts that you learned about sheep.

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2. Give one way a sheep is like a human.

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3. How is a sheep different from a pig?

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4. What does is mean when a sheep has their coat **sheared**?

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